

EUROPEAN TOPICS

Bonn Weighs Hiring Foreigners for Police

Germany is considering hiring foreigners to fill the ranks of its police forces, officials say. There are at least 15,000 vacancies in police forces nationwide, according to Interior Minister Rudolph Seiters.

Around Europe

Germany will not be invited to ceremonies in Normandy next year marking the 50th anniversary of the D-Day invasion. The presence of a German delegation, says Louis Mésangeau, France's secretary of state for veterans affairs, "would create too many problems."

the conglomerates Ciba-Geigy, Sandoz, Hoffman La Roche and ABB.

A major restoration program is planned for Bucharest, once known as the Paris of the Balkans. About 600 buildings will be renovated in the Romanian capital's historic center over the next decade. Work is expected to start early this year.

Two months after smoking in public places was banned in France, not a single complaint has been filed involving violations in work places, train and Métro stations, or the country's 80,000 cafés, hotels and restaurants, according to the weekly Le Point.

Women are still badly underrepresented in European parliaments. In Italy and Spain, 6 percent of senators are women, slightly more than the 5.6 percent in Britain. In France, 6 percent of deputies and 2.5 percent of senators are women.

The average Frenchman buys 1.2 pairs of slippers a year (a European record), spends 3 hours 19 minutes a day in front of the television (presumably in his slippers) and has sex eight times a month.

Kindness to Animals Dept.: The Spanish city of Manganesees has finally bowed to the outraged complaints of animal lovers — and the threat of a whopping fine from regional authorities — and ended its ancient festival practice of throwing live goats from the 20-meter-high (66-foot) church tower.

The Swiss lead the world in applying for patents, on a per capita basis. But the image of the wild-eyed inventor working late hours in his basement does not hold. One-third of all patent applications, according to a government study, come from

POX: Last Sufferer

(Continued from page 1) related microbe that provides significant "cross-immunity." Unprotected, Mr. Moallin quickly developed the disease. "I came back, and after a week I got a fever and the manifestations of the smallpox," he said. "It was a very, very serious disease. I was feeling like I was in a fire."

After his case, there was one more outbreak of smallpox, but it did not occur naturally. In 1978, a sample of the virus was accidentally released into the ventilation system of a laboratory in Birmingham, England. Two people contracted the disease; one died, and the scientist in charge of the laboratory committed suicide.

Ban on Child Camel-Jockeys ABU DHABI — The United Arab Emirates has approved rules to halt the use of children as jockeys in camel races.



KENYA PARLIAMENT SUSPENDED — President Daniel arap Moi of Kenya suspended parliament on Wednesday, a day after demonstrators, above, derided legislators of the ruling party as they entered parliament. The legislature admitted its first opposition members in a quarter of a century before the body was suspended. One opposition leader said Mr. Moi "had developed cold feet."

CHINA: A City Dickens Would Recognize Is Now Apple of 'Socialist' Eyes

(Continued from page 1) bars and seafood restaurants that they have not — yet — asked for democracy for dessert. Indeed, when troops fired machine guns on pro-democracy protesters in June 1989, Mr. Wang and other local tycoons hurriedly sent donations to the troops who had done the shooting.

cent of Wenzhou's industrial output. The rest comes from private and collectively owned factories. Shops, restaurants and the growing number of prostitution rings are even more concentrated in private hands. A result is that income gaps are growing. While average annual earnings are only a bit more than \$400, an entrepreneur who peddles what he says is a cure for baldness has accumulated \$20 million or more, city officials said.

hai," she declared. "If you want to see capitalism, visit Wenzhou." There was a bit more sniping at Wenzhou after the rise of the hard-liners in 1989, but these days all is forgiven again. The Communist Party general-secretary, Jiang Zemin, visited last year to give the "Wenzhou model" his seal of approval.

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Israel Court Set to Rule Over Arab Deportees JERUSALEM — Israel's Supreme Court will rule Thursday on the legality of the government's having expelled more than 400 suspected Palestinian fundamentalists, a court official said. If the court orders the government to bring the men home the threat of United Nations sanctions against Israel would disappear, a Foreign Ministry spokesman said.

VOICE: Translating Calls (Continued from page 1) language to another; and speech synthesis, in which a computer produces speech from text or from computer instructions. In the system to be demonstrated on Thursday, Japanese speech will be recognized and turned into Japanese text by a computer at ATR, a government-funded research laboratory.

N.Y. Aide Alters Reference to Gays New York Times Service NEW YORK — The chancellor of New York City schools, Joseph A. Fernandez, has moved to end a dispute over teaching 6-year-olds tolerance of homosexual families. He will soften passages of his so-called Rainbow Curriculum.

Iraq Missile Worry

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Israel Court Set to Rule Over Arab Deportees

Iraq Consolidates Missile Research, Worrying the UN

By R. Jeffrey Smith
Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON — Iraq has put virtually all of its top rocket scientists and engineers to work at a large research facility on the outskirts of Baghdad, possibly to prepare for an eventual renewal of prohibited work on long-range ballistic missiles, according to United Nations officials.

A UN team now visiting Baghdad informed the Iraqi government that inspectors would immediately begin daily inspections of the Ibn al Haytham research facility and continue them indefinitely because of concerns about missile-related activities, the officials said.

They said the continuous monitoring plan for the site may eventually be expanded to other Iraqi missile and nuclear weapons-related sites, as UN inspectors move away from periodic inspections aimed at ferreting out illegal Iraqi activities and begin long-term monitoring aimed at permanently constraining Iraqi military capabilities.

Iraq has refused to accept the legitimacy of the UN Security Council resolution authorizing long-term monitoring and has termed such inspections an unacceptable infringement of its sovereignty.

But Iraqi officials did not interfere on Tuesday when two Russian and two U.S. officials assigned to the UN monitoring program spent a day examining the missile complex.

United Nations experts inspected nuclear and missile sites, destroyed chemicals and took aerial photographs on Wednesday, saying their mission was proceeding without hindrance, Reuters reported from Baghdad.

After making three visits last year to the missile complex, 10 kilometers (six miles) north of central Baghdad, UN monitors concluded that Iraq was developing about a half-dozen new types of short-range ballistic missiles, and experimenting with the Silkworm cruise missile.

Development of such weapons is permitted by cease-fire resolutions, approved by the UN Security Council at the close of the 1991 Gulf War, which allowed Iraq to keep ballistic missiles capable of flying less than 150 kilometers.

But UN and Western experts say that much of the equipment used in making these weapons might also be employed to produce longer-range missiles that Iraqi scientists could attempt to develop illegally.

"Iraq is employing its best engi-

neers, scientists and managers in the missile area," said Rolf Ekeus, chairman of the UN Special Commission charged with eliminating Iraqi weapons of mass destruction. "It makes us very nervous to have all of the guys of any significance at one place."

An official familiar with UN reports about the missile research site said that the scientists working there included "the brains" behind Iraqi efforts before the Gulf War to develop or improve long-range missiles: a variant of the Soviet-made Scud missile capable of flying up to 910 kilometers; the so-called Baadr-2000 two-stage missile with a range of more than 1,000 kilometers, and a three-stage rocket capable of orbiting payloads in space.

A U.S. official who has visited the site said it consisted of about 20 modern, single-story buildings, and Iraqi scientists there appeared to be working on propellants, guidance systems and other missile components. He said the research equipment collected there from various sites after the Gulf War was "almost Western-quality."

"We don't think there's anything illegal going on there right now," the U.S. official said. "But it would be a very good place to cheat," the official said, by secretly reviving work on long-range missiles. The site thus warrants close attention, he said.

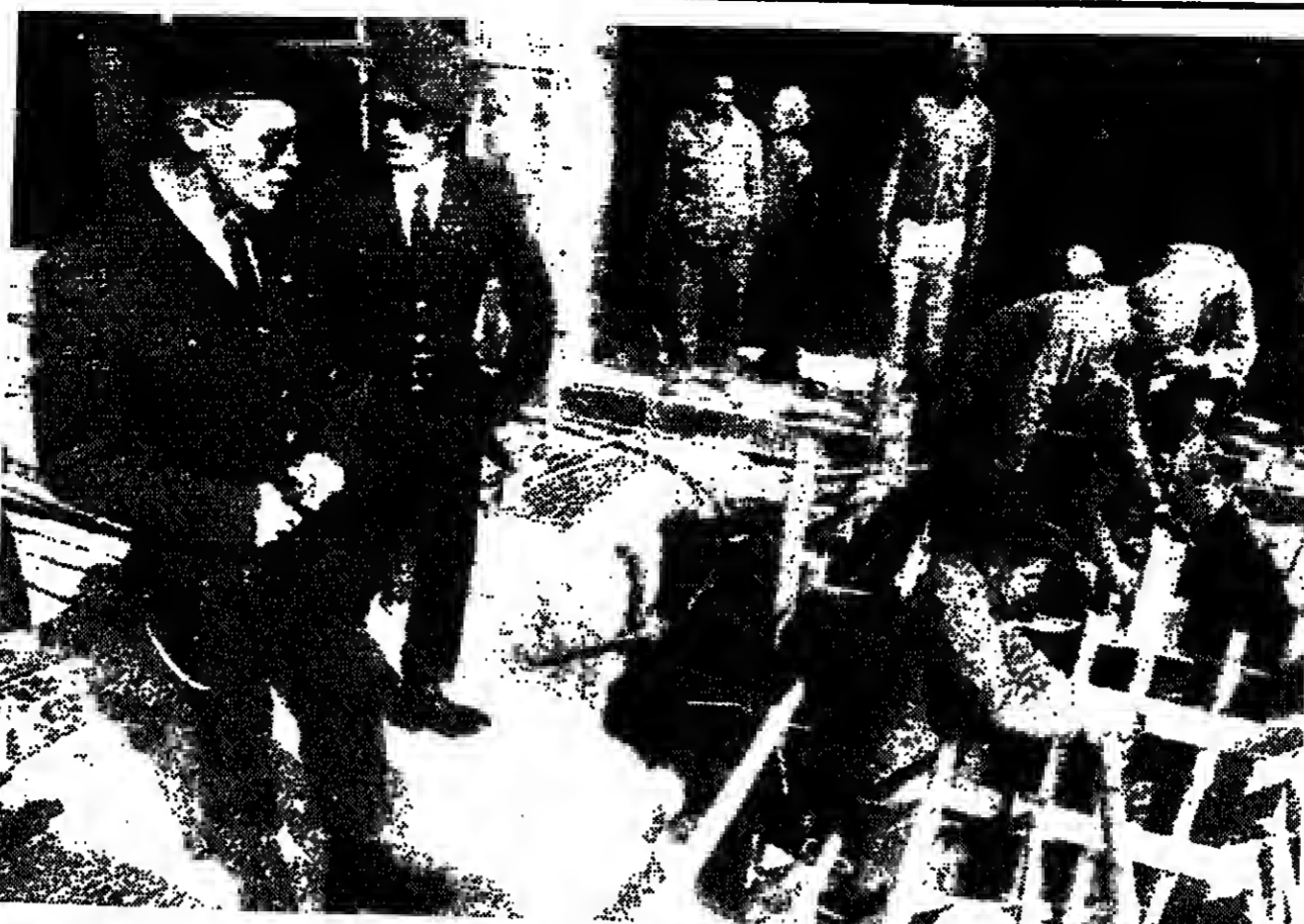
A spokesman for the UN Special Commission, Tim Trevan, said concern about the facility's potential use for long-range missile work stemmed partly from Iraq's refusal to provide details about its past suppliers of missile-related equipment.

"One can impute motivation to that refusal," he said, explaining that Baghdad may want to use those suppliers again. "All they need are knowledge, money and supplies. They clearly have lots of knowledge, and they will eventually have money from the sale of oil."

Russian Volunteers Arrive

A team of Russian ultranationalist commandos who vowed to help Iraq fight the "imperialist" United States have arrived in Baghdad here from Moscow, the governing Ba'ath Arab Socialist Party newspaper *Ath Thawra* reported Wednesday.

The nine commandos, members of the Liberal Democratic Party, will meet Iraqi officials to discuss allied "aggression and the best ways to retaliate," *Ath Thawra* said, according to Agence France-Press.



Russian paramilitary volunteers in Baghdad on Wednesday, viewing damage to the Rashid Hotel that occurred during an air strike.

Butros Ghali Wants Deadline in Angola

By Paul Lewis
New York Times Service

UNITED NATIONS, New York — Secretary-General Butros Ghali has recommended that the Security Council set a deadline of April 30 for the warring parties in Angola to make peace, and he said the council should withdraw the UN peacekeepers if the deadline was not met.

He also wants the council to reduce the 550-member force now in Angola to about 60 observers, and to concentrate them in the capital, Luanda.

Mr. Butros Ghali made his recommendations as representatives of the Angolan government and the UNITA rebels prepared to attend hastily arranged talks in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, to try to end more than 15 years of civil war.

If these talks fail, and the Security Council pulls its forces out of Angola, it would be the first time the United Nations had ever abandoned such an operation after admitting it had failed.

The two parties in the civil war signed a peace agreement in 1991 in Rome. That agreement led to UN-supervised elections last September, which were won by the Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola, the party led by President José Eduardo dos Santos.

The UNITA leader, Jonas Savimbi, refused to accept the outcome, even though the United Nations said the elections had been fair, and at the end of October his forces launched a major offensive and captured large areas of the country.

In his report, written before Mr. Savimbi had agreed to the talks in Addis Ababa, Mr. Butros Ghali said Mr. dos Santos had asked him to strengthen the UN presence because of the fighting.

He also said the government wanted the United Nations to take a less even-handed approach, arguing that UNITA had clearly put

itself in the wrong by refusing to accept the election results.

The secretary-general rejected both proposals, saying "The international community should persist in trying to bring the two sides together."

But he added that he could not recommend that "scarce resources again be committed to a substantial field operation until each of the two sides has shown a greater willingness than heretofore to honor the commitments it has solemnly entered into."

Mr. Butros Ghali said the council faced three alternatives: keeping the peacekeeping operation going when its mandate expires at the end

of January; reducing the force to about 150 monitors in only six locations, or shrinking the force further and moving all personnel the relative safety of the capital.

He backed the last option, he said, because the United Nations has already been forced by the fighting to abandon 45 of its 67 bases around the country and has lost substantial quantities of vehicles and equipment.

The secretary-general placed the blame for the continuing violence on both parties, saying they had failed to meet their military and political commitments and to "make the necessary efforts to promote national reconciliation."

U.S. Frets on Delay In UN Somali Force

By Julia Preston
Washington Post Service

UNITED NATIONS, New York — Though U.S. military officials in Somalia have said they would be ready to hand over much of their duties to UN peacekeeping troops at the end of this month, there is no chance that a UN force will be ready, officials here say.

UN and U.S. planners say, however, that they are close to a final design for a UN contingent that would assume control of the chaotic East African nation and allow the more than 20,000 U.S. troops stationed there to withdraw.

After weeks of U.S. pressure for a speedy hand-over, plans have emerged for creation of a well-armed force of up to 20,000 UN troops — including Americans — with the power to engage in combat to enforce their mandate. It would be the first time the United Nations has deployed troops to impose peace rather than just keep it.

The United Nations has secured commitments from 21 countries besides the United States to provide a total of more than 15,000 troops for the Somalia force. These troops are ready for deployment, and some are already in Somalia. The United States is expected to add another 5,000 troops.

"The pace is going well," Rear Admiral Frank Bowman, who heads the Pentagon's planning for the transition, said Tuesday. "The process is moving, and we are encouraging it to move."

and have accused Mr. Butros Ghali of stalling because of reluctance to assume the monetary and political demands of handling the peacekeeping operation. The Americans have voiced hopes that their duties in most of Somalia could be handed over by Feb. 1.

But diplomats here say that top U.S. military planners and officials overestimated the speed with which the United Nations, with its overburdened bureaucracy and complex international political procedures, could raise and authorize a force to replace U.S. troops.

Mr. Butros Ghali's special envoy for Somalia, Ismat Kittani, said that the resolution establishing the new force would have to be extensively detailed, since it will probably be in Somalia for "not months but years" while the country rebuilds.

But U.S. and UN officials said that many aspects of the transition could go forward before the resolution is approved. U.S. commanders have divided southern and central Somalia into four command zones and are preparing to turn over small areas that have been pacified to UN officers.

Rather than an abrupt U.S. pull-out, planners hope to achieve a "seamless web" by moving in UN troops area by area, a European diplomat said.

Slovak Legislators Fail To Elect a President

The Associated Press

PRAGUE — Slovakia's parliament failed Wednesday for the second time to elect a president for the new state, a day after Vaclav Havel was elected president of the Czech Republic, the other new state resulting from the breakup of the former Czechoslovakia.

Roman Kovace, the nominee of Prime Minister Vladimir Meciar's Movement for a Democratic Slovakia, won 78 votes, short of the 90 needed. His rival in a runoff vote, Milan Ftacnik of the Democratic Left, got 31 votes.

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A Team for Russia

President Bill Clinton has appointed a fresh team to handle America's most important foreign challenge: to help a disintegrating Russia move to democracy and markets without threatening the safety of its neighbors. Now the team needs to inject new urgency into an economic aid program that languished under his predecessor.

Toward Health Reform

The two great issues in American health care reform point in opposite directions: One is extending protection to the one-seventh of the population that is without insurance at any one time; the other is controlling costs.

The First Lady's Job

It's official. Hillary Rodham Clinton will not bake cookies, keep to the East Wing or stand quietly by her man. No, she will stand with her man, or maybe ahead of him, in formulating health care policy.

Other Comment

Recognizing the Sunrise

In the arcane world of Japan's sumo wrestling, history has been made. The first foreigner, or gaijin, has become grand champion of a sport unique to Japan.

Bosnia: The Vance-Owen Plan Won't Do

By Anthony Borden and Zoran Pajic

LONDON — It is time for the United Nations and the European Community to change their policy on the Balkans. The Geneva settlement in which some now put their hopes, an agreement brokered by Cyrus Vance and Lord Owen, has huge problems.

Liberating Sarajevo — which some military planners argue could take less than 24 hours — offers the perfect political aim of intervention.

provinces plan" recognize the war gains by both Serbian and Croatian extremists. A peace on these terms could never be stable. Disgruntled forces will continue to fight over disputed territory.

Who Wants Terror for Israelis and Palestinians?

By Ehud Yaari

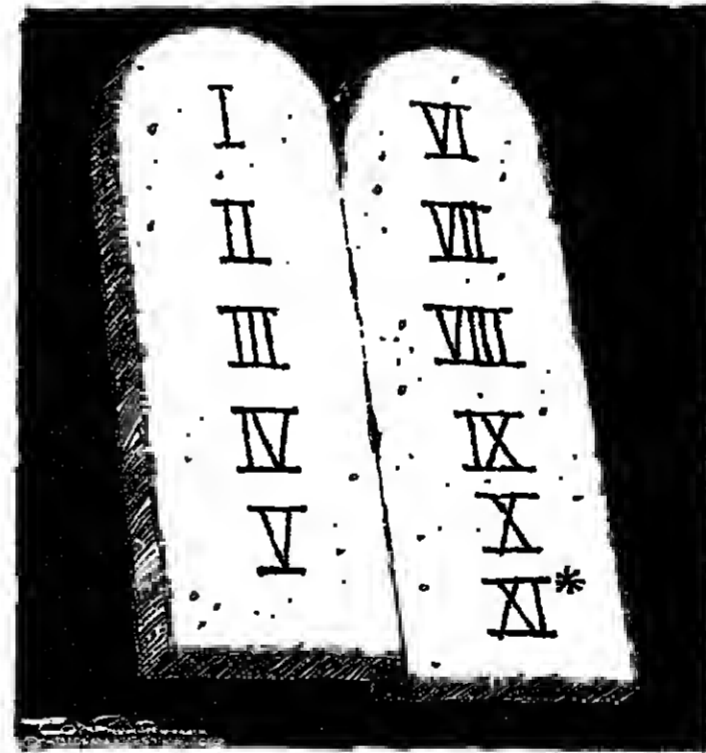
JERUSALEM — Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin's deportation of 413 activists to Lebanon not only represented retaliation for murders but also was intended as a preemptive strike to curb the rising terrorism by followers of the Islamic Resistance Movement, or Hamas.

clash between the rivals could break out during the struggle over forming a self-governing authority or during a period of autonomy. Israel and the Palestinians could face a small number of assassinations or a bloodbath.

Mideast: A New Era In Store?

By Gideon Rafael

JERUSALEM — Leaders and ordinary people everywhere are trying to figure out how the Clinton presidency will affect their fortunes. The watch is particularly intense in the Middle East, which wavers between high hopes and somber fears.



* Thou shalt not deport without due process.

cy. They are divided in their views, exposed to the rigors of occupation and infidelity, and angered by the deportation of their kin. Many feel they are fighting a losing battle.

After more than a year of direct negotiations with Israel, there has been no substantive progress. Presumably both sides are waiting for Washington to take the initiative.

It would be useful for the administration to encourage the parties to reach agreement on holding general elections in the territories as a first step toward Palestinian self-rule.

What may Israel expect of the Clinton administration? It counts on continuance of traditional bonds of friendship and cooperation in matters of peace, security and the economy.

It is evident that peace will not result from the excellence of negotiators' arguments but from their ability to reach compromise. They know that mutual accommodation can be achieved only with active third-party involvement.

The Palestinians, for their part, face exceedingly difficult choices. Their representatives lack elected legiti-

cially recognizing the many opposition figures and nongovernmental peace, human rights and other professional organizations that have refused to become ethnic protagonists.

Increasing and improving the provision of humanitarian aid and establishing a comprehensive European policy on accepting refugees.

Blocking war in the south by deploying much increased numbers of international monitors and recognizing (and substantially reinforcing) the tense state of Macedonia.

Finally, the United Nations must consider establishing an international protectorate over all of Bosnia-Herzegovina. Refugees have not been the result of the war but its explicit aim, the means by which division and conquest have been achieved.

Mr. Milosevic certainly deserves the bulk of the blame, but the attention on him has distracted attention from the less explicitly vicious result of the war but its explicit aim, the means by which division and conquest have been achieved.

Supporting the beleaguered independent media throughout the region, which are opposing the propaganda of war and hate.

Restoring basic communications, a precondition for the reduction of fear and the reorganization of any progressive efforts.

Time to Put Pressure On Burma

By Clare Hollingworth

HONG KONG — Burma's military leaders are anxious to increase trade and raise the living standard of their impoverished country before widespread unrest breaks out.

Late last year, the UN General Assembly called on the ruling Burmese council to permit the transfer of power to the winners of the democratic elections of May 1990.

More than 40 elected members of parliament are also being held, along with some 12,000 political prisoners.

The ruling junta has said that Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, the 1990 Nobel Peace Prize laureate, will be released when a new parliament is elected, but this is expected to take years.

There are few signs, meantime, of any weakening of military influence. Army officers, the only Burmese who can readily leave the country, frequently buy foreign goods to sell on the black market.

People quietly admit they are unhappy and too hungry at times but, because it is warm and rice and bananas are cheap, they survive.

The Burmese governing council has decided to increase trade with its pro-American neighbors, no doubt hoping an increase in aid will follow.

The council made it clear that it alone would choose candidates to attend the convention from the political parties, minority races, peasants and public service personnel. It was also made clear that the council would retain the leading role in the national politics of the future state.

The opening session of the convention, on Jan. 9 in Rangoon, was boycotted by representatives of the European Community.

About 700 delegates representing eight or nine political parties and other groups listened to dreary speeches for one hour. They then returned to the former racetrack where they were being housed under strict security.

There are, however, some signs that the junta is deeply worried. It has become slightly easier, for example, for foreigners to obtain visas, and more towns have been opened to tourists.

Diplomats have called the convention a "public relations exercise" designed to convince the Western world that the generals are serious about democratization.

There is an urgent requirement for foreign currency, heightened by the critical state of the economy. Although neither the World Bank nor the Asian Development Bank has granted new loans to Burma since the military council took power, they are understood to be studying proposals.

It is important, before this happens, that the United States, Australia, Canada and the countries of Western Europe join in insisting through the United Nations, that basic human rights be introduced.

IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

1893: Votes for a Lady

NEW YORK — In balloting in the Wyoming Legislature for the election of a United States Senator, Mrs. Bartlett has received five votes. This is the first case of a woman having been voted for as a Senator.

1918: Capitalists Warned

PETROGRAD — Lenin, speaking to-day [Jan. 27] at the Congress of the Soviets, declared that all Socialists would admit that between capitalism and socialism there was a period of transition — a dictatorship.

mere prejudice which makes some people think that the ordinary workman or the peasant is incapable of governing the country.

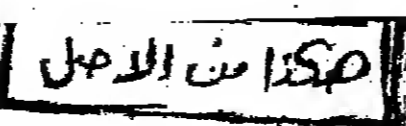
1943: U.S. Hired Ex-Nazi

WASHINGTON — [From our New York edition:] Dr. Ernst P. S. Hanfstaengl, familiarly known as "Putzi," former Nazi press chief and one-time intimate of Adolf Hitler, has been employed for several months at the State Department.

At his inauguration, Mr. Clinton urged the American people to cure wrong with right. Unfortunately, the Middle East suffers from an abundance of wrong and a deficiency of right.

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OPINION

How Thurgood Marshall Called Up a New Nation

By E. J. Dionne Jr.

WASHINGTON — Thurgood Marshall demonstrated that there might be more than saccharine behind the idea that "there is nothing wrong with America that cannot be cured by what is right with America."

Among the many remarkable things about Mr. Marshall is that a man who was seen as a stout liberal or even a radical pursued a political and legal strategy for equality that used the American tradition as a battering ram against America's failures.

That took enormous imagination, since Mr. Marshall started his work at a time when "tradition" and "settled practice" were used as the decent drapery behind much of the segregation and racial inequality shrouding their cause.

Yet Thurgood Marshall understood instinctively the symbolism coined by the historian Jaroslav Pelikan: "Tradition is the living faith of the dead, traditionalism is the dead faith of the living."

Mr. Marshall braced tradition against traditionalism, and thereby vindicated it. Not that he was sentimental about this stuff. Cass Sunstein, a University of Chicago law professor who was a Marshall clerk and is one of his devoted admirers, noted that Mr. Marshall was a practical lawyer less taken with the Founders who wrote a constitution that permitted slavery than with the "self-revising" capacity of the tradition they established.

And he was dedicated above all to the constitutional amendments that followed the Civil War, which amounted to an unenforced Bill of Rights for African Americans. Mr. Marshall set out to enforce them.

And he won in what historically had been a most unlikely venue, the Supreme Court, which nearly 100 years before the Brown desegregation decision had declared that Dred Scott was not a man but a piece of property.

Many who are sympathetic to Mr. Marshall's project, including me, have come around to the view that there are limits to how much social reform can be accomplished successfully through the judiciary.

Mr. Sunstein argued in a tribute to Mr. Marshall, published last year in the Stanford Law Review, that there are serious problems in judge-led reform from the standpoint of democratic legitimacy.

"Reform through the courts may dampen the practice of citizenship, an individual and collective good," Mr. Sunstein wrote.

"And if reform does not have a democratic pedigree, it may run into severe resistance. Such resistance may in turn undermine the very causes that the Court purports to favor."

The simple truth is that court decisions ultimately need democratic endorsement to be effective. The trans-

formation heralded by the Brown v. Board of Education decision in 1954 could not have been realized without the political struggles that led to the Civil Rights Act a decade later.

Mr. Marshall's achievement has been defended in part because the Voting Rights Act of 1965 enfranchised African Americans throughout the South, creating a constituency for civil rights to which even Senator Strom Thurmond, once a resolute segregationist, must now pay tribute.

Some of the staunchest legislative supporters of civil rights are Democrats from the states of the Old Confederacy. That would have been a preposterous idea in 1954.

The irony of Thurgood Marshall's achievement is that he was forced to turn to the legal system for relief precisely because the democratic process, especially in the Southern states, was not fully democratic. The democratic gains in the South created by the Civil War amendments and Reconstruction were reversed by the misnamed "redeemers," politicians who restored white supremacy.

The irony is compounded by the fact that the tradition Mr. Marshall drew on, of using the nation's constitution to protect minority rights, grew not from the Founders' sympathy for the downtrodden but from their fears that out-of-control majorities of the propertied might impinge on the rights of the propertied.

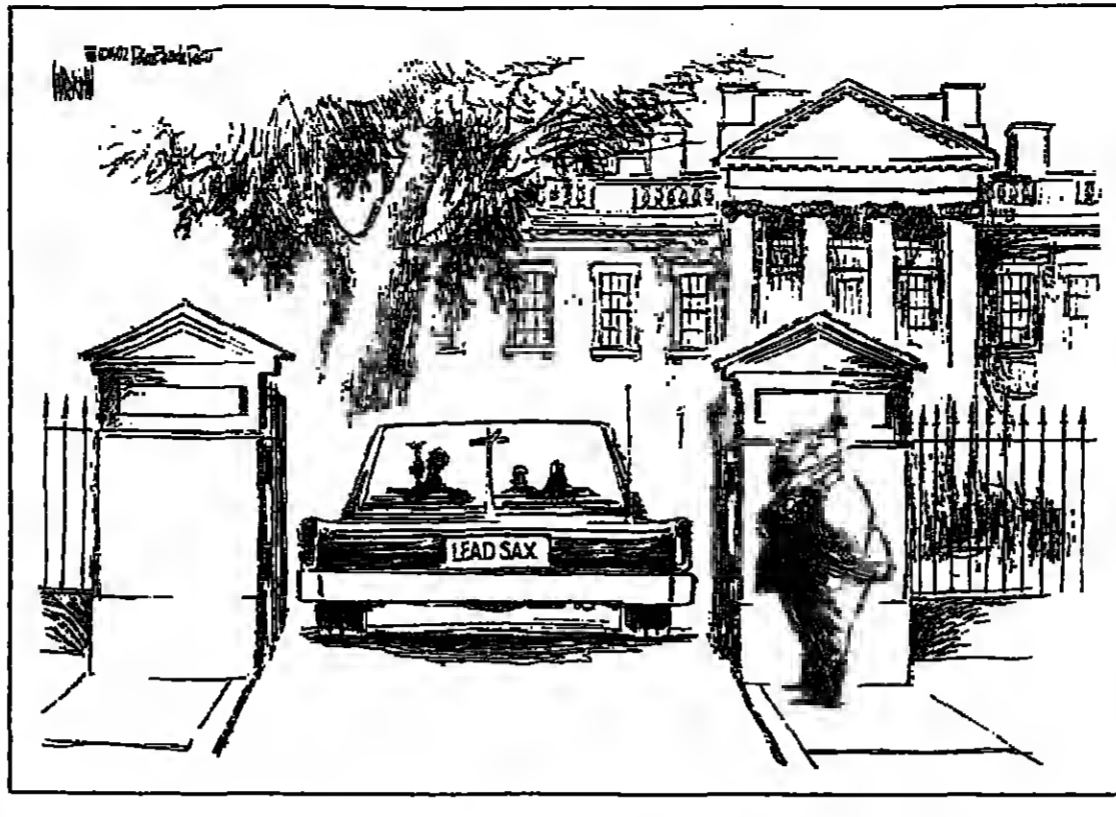
In effect, Mr. Marshall used constitutional traditions to revive democratic traditions. The victories he won in court made possible the victories the civil rights movement later won in the streets, in Congress, at the polls and, finally, around the kitchen tables of the country.

Mr. Marshall's legacy, in other words, is a legacy for all activists and not just for lawyers; it is a tribute to political inventiveness and a testimony to the openings that can be found in the American system by those who struggle to find them. The openings must be found again.

The columnist Gary Wills wrote of Abraham Lincoln that "he called up a new nation out of the blood and trauma" of Gettysburg. Thurgood Marshall and the civil rights movement called up a new nation through law and persuasion. The second achievement might have been impossible without the first, but in many ways, the second is the more astonishing.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Thai Role in Cambodia

Regarding "Let Thailand Take the Hint and Stop the Phander" (Opinion, Jan. 14) by Mark J. Valencia:

No country desires peace and stability in Cambodia more than its neighbor Thailand, which has sheltered hundreds of thousands of Cambodian refugees for more than a decade.

Despite the adverse impact on Thai people living along the border, the democratically elected government of Thailand on Dec. 22 placed a ban, in compliance with UN Security Council Resolution 792, on the export of petroleum products into Khmer Rouge-controlled areas and ordered the closure as of Dec. 31 of border crossings that had been opened temporarily for importation of logs from Cambodia.

On Jan. 8, Eric Falt, spokesman for the UN Transitional Authority in Cambodia, said that "implementation of the embargo has been successful, particularly with Thailand giving its full cooperation, and there have not been any logs transported across the Thai-Cambodian border since 3 January 1993."

It was Thailand which brought the Cambodian factions to the negotiating table. Thailand was the first donor country to pioneer the shipment of concrete assistance to Cambodia. Thai troops were requested by the UN to risk their lives to clear mines and build and repair roads. The Thai military extended full cooperation and facilities to the deployment of UN troops in Cambodia.

Trade between the outside world and the Cambodian factions was encouraged after the signing of the Paris peace plan; it was considered an effective way to turn Cambodian parties away from hostilities.

The root cause of the current deadlock in Cambodia is not trade across the Thai-Cambodian frontier. It is the inability of the UN authority to put the peace plan fully into force, principally because there has been a lack of cooperation and national reconciliation among the Cambodian parties concerned.

All countries concerned should thus redouble their efforts to support Prince Sihanouk so that he can continue to forge national reconciliation among Cambodian parties in order to overcome the impasse in the peace process.

SAKTHIP KRAIRIKSH, Director General, Department of Information, Bangkok.

Aid, Wanted or Not

Regarding "This Torture Can Be Stopped" (Opinion, Dec. 30):

It is suggested that Western countries use economic aid to coerce Third World governments into forbidding the ancient practice of clitoridectomy.

We are accustomed to thinking of human rights abuses as cases in which governments prevent individuals from living as they please. Here, the situation is the reverse. Third World governments will be violating human rights unless they prevent individuals from living as they please. It would seem in this case that individuals are violating their own human rights.

In the recent past, Western colonial officials pursued the goal of "bringing civilization to the savages" while missionaries sought to "teach Christianity to the heathens." Happily, we have eschewed these ethnocentric conceits. Today, we have borders of foreign aid

workers bringing "human rights" to the "underdeveloped" — whether they want it or not.

KENT GORDIS, Geneva.

No-Fault AIDS

"AIDS disproportionately afflicts minorities," says an item in your "Away From Politics" column (Jan. 13), "and the disease has to be considered as a racial issue because it is spread by discrimination, the National Commission on AIDS said in Washington."

Oh, really? I thought AIDS, except for transfusion of contaminated blood, was spread by indiscriminate sex and intravenous drug abuse.

To say that one group has been victimized or discriminated against in a case like this, and is therefore irresponsible, smacks of racism — and perpetuates racism by absolving that group of its responsibility. Or as the saying goes, "It's not my fault, I'm a victim!"

BRIAN J. CAMPBELL, Antwerp, Belgium.

Another Avenue for Help

Regarding "A Plea for Help" (Letters, Jan. 6) from Frans Midlers:

In seeking help for his brain-damaged daughter, Mr. Midlers should contact Dr. Oliver Sacks, professor of neurology at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine of Yeshiva University in New York. He has always been concerned with individuals as they cope with extraordinary neurological difficulties.

LYN HENSHALL, Hawthorn, Australia.

On Looking Up to Someone Who Looks Just Like You

By Anna Quindlen

NEW YORK — The children watching the inauguration being replayed on tape grew silent as Maya Angelou began to recite her poem. They midway through they began to cheer, not for her words but for themselves, as though she were calling the roll.

So say the Asian, the Hispanic, the Jew, The African, the Native American, the Sioux.

They each cheered the group to which they belonged in the poet's Boney. There

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was even one faint little "yay" after the words "the homeless." In the Brooklyn classroom one girl stood up and read her own poem as though there were a hundred thousand watching her. And the teacher felt it was no accident that, like Ms. Angelou, the girl was black.

Familiarity breeds content. When

Thurgood Marshall's death was announced Sunday, he was remembered for his extraordinary role as a role model, as the man who singlehandedly desegregated the Supreme Court.

"If there's nobody who looks like you, you have the sense that you can't do it," said Roger Wilkins, who grew up amid the leaders of the civil rights movement. "If there's somebody who's something like you, it seems possible."

This is why it infuriates me when public discourse about appointing women to high position makes it sound as if such attempts are somehow window dressing, pleasant but far from necessary.

That has been the source of some of the agitation about the Clinton cabinet as it took shape. And it will fuel the anger some will feel if the Clinton administration signs and says now, "Well, we tried a woman and look what happened," as the position of attorney general is filled.

The elevation of individuals to high position often represents issues and image combined. When Solicitor General Thurgood Marshall was chosen for the Supreme Court in 1967, Floyd McKissick, the chairman of the Congress of Racial Equality, said it stirred "pride in the breast of every black American."

But when Justice Marshall stepped down in 1991, Judge A. Leon Higginbotham Jr. of the 3d U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals wrote, "To laud Thurgood Marshall solely for improving the optics of African Americans would be too simplistic a tribute for a person who has touched so many lives."

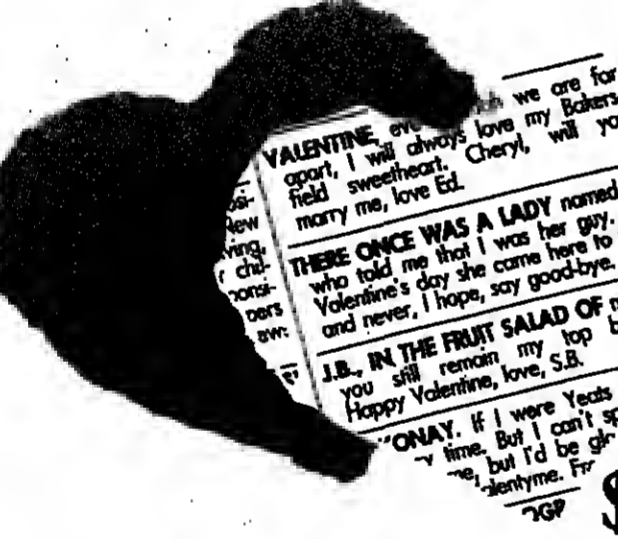
Women do not stand in high position only to represent other women. And as anyone who has read the opinions of Justices William Brennan and Harry Blackmun knows, white men are quite capable of representing the interests of African-Americans and women.

But that is not the only point. Life magazine last year ran a photograph of 98 women and two men on the steps of the Capitol to make concrete the unequal composition of the Senate in a clever and vivid way. It took some time to find the men in that photograph. They were insignificant.

We are not talking about quotas, bean-counting or special treatment. We are talking about the sense of universal possibility that should be inherent in democracy, the sense a little girl gets now when she sees the official portrait of the Supreme Court, and realizes that girls can be justices, too.

Thurgood Marshall told the columnist Carl Rowan several years ago that segregation still existed in America. "Clubs here in this town," he said, "they invite everybody else but me. Maybe that is bow that little girl felt, until she saw Maya Angelou — everybody else but me. 'Lift up your eyes upon this day breaking for you,' the poem said. Welcome to the club.

The New York Times



Classified Valentine Message Contest

Every year on February 14th, more and more people use the Trib's classified section to send a greeting to the Valentine of their choice and some of them get pretty creative.

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Wednesday's Closing
Tables include the nationwide price up to the closing on Wall Street and do not reflect late trades elsewhere. Via The Associated Press

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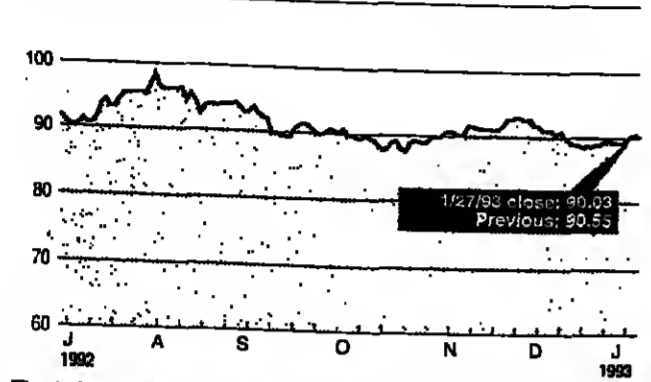
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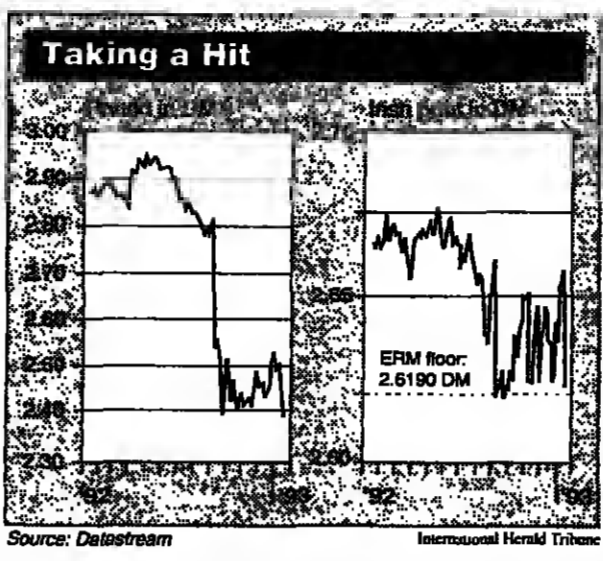
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By Erik Ipsen. LONDON — A steep fall in the value of the pound Wednesday threatened to unleash yet another round of currency instability within the fragile European exchange-rate mechanism...



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many days against that of Britain, its largest trading partner. Worse yet, those gains come on the back of a rise of more than 10 percent since last September.

Steel Exporters Hit With Heavy American Duty

By Peter Behr. WASHINGTON — Presenting President Bill Clinton with his first trade conflict, the Commerce Department cited 19 foreign countries on Wednesday for dumping steel in the United States...

Fed Chairman Stays on Course: Slow and Steady

By Lawrence Malkin. NEW YORK — Resisting Congressional demands for a commitment to easier money, Chairman Alan Greenspan pledged Wednesday that the Federal Reserve Board would do its best to "encourage maximum sustainable growth in the economy"...

plans to raise interest rates if the economy continued growing at its present rate of about 3 percent.

not replaced by gridlock between elected leaders and economic leaders.

Now that Mr. Clinton is presenting a small amount of short-term stimulus — Labor Secretary Robert B. Reich confirmed Tuesday it would be in the range of \$15 to \$20 billion — Congress wants the Fed to continue pouring on the gas so that its fiscal actions will not be canceled out.

INTERNATIONAL MANAGER

Why IBM Needs to Look Outside for Its New Chief

By John Markoff. NEW YORK — Few institutions in America have cherished the tradition of grooming one of their own to become chief executive more than IBM.

Mercedes Considers U.S. Assembly Plant

BONN — Mercedes-Benz AG, the automotive division of Daimler-Benz AG, said Wednesday it was considering building a new plant in the United States, accelerating its strategy of globalization.

Airbus Units in Boeing Study

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Nasdaq Rout Takes Broad Market Down

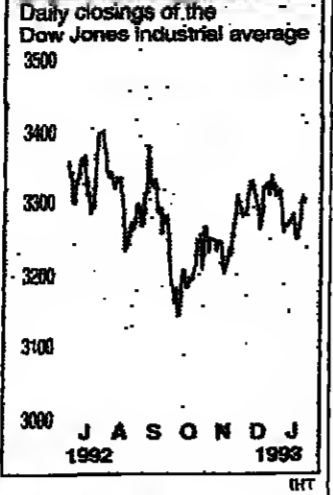
NEW YORK — A slumping Nasdaq market sent U.S. stocks lower for the first time in a week. Shares of Intel Corp., Apple Computer Corp. and Microsoft Corp., which have rallied strongly in recent weeks, declined significantly, fueling a 1.3 percent slide in the Nasdaq Combined Composite.

The Dow Jones industrial average declined 7.56 points to 3,291.39, led by slides in Boeing Co. and American Express Co. Standard & Poor's 500 index declined 1.85 to 438.10. Advancing stocks outnumbered declining issues by about 9 to 5 on the New York Stock Exchange. Trading exceeded 200 million shares for a seventh straight session, although slipping to about 279 million from 311.4 million Tuesday.

growth as long as it did not reignite inflation. Shares of international oil and semiconductor companies fell the most. These are the same industry groups that rallied most in the past several days.

U.S. stocks received little support from Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan, who said he was committed to working with the Clinton administration to support

The Dow



Daily closings of the Dow Jones industrial average 3500

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Roger Smith Quits GM Board

DETROIT (Reuters) — Roger B. Smith, the former chairman of General Motors Corp., said Wednesday that he would resign from the company's board of directors on April 6.

USAir Shuffles Order From Boeing

ARLINGTON, Virginia (Combined Dispatches) — USAir Group said Wednesday it had reached an agreement with Boeing Co. to revise airplane orders, reducing its capital expense by \$835 million through 1996.

Lego, Westinghouse Chief, Retires

PITTSBURGH (Reuters) — Westinghouse Electric Corp. said Wednesday that its chairman and chief executive, Paul E. Lego, would retire.

Revamp Helps at Bethlehem Steel

BETHLEHEM, Pennsylvania (Bloomberg) — Bethlehem Steel Corp. said Wednesday that its fourth-quarter loss had narrowed as it continued to restructure operations.

For the Record

McDonald's Corp., the fast-food chain, reported record fourth-quarter earnings of \$227.9 million, or 61 cents a share, up 13.7 percent compared with the final quarter of 1991.

PUNT: U.K. Deals an Unkind Cut

(Continued from first finance page) actually cut those rates or if, as happened when Ireland last defaulted in 1986, it would actually push rates higher still as currency markets worried that another devaluation was imminent.

leaves interest rates as their only tool, and if the currency slides then their attitude is to be left.

Foreign Exchange

the latest British interest-rate cut had sent strong signals that the government was desperate to get the economy growing and was willing to pay any price to do it.

Dollar Rallies Sharply

The dollar closed sharply higher to New York Wednesday, rallying on technical grounds and overcoming potentially negative talk about the prospects for U.S. and German interest rates.

GEC Alstom Gets Big Order

AMSTERDAM — The Dutch, Belgian and French national railways ordered 27 high-speed trains costing the equivalent of \$1 billion from GEC Alstom, the Dutch railway said Wednesday.

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German Trainees Feel Slump New Lesson for Apprentices Is Unemployment

By Brandon Mitchener
International Herald Tribune

FRANKFURT — The recession in Germany's automotive, steel and machinery industries is spilling over into the country's internationally applauded apprenticeship programs, jeopardizing the availability of qualified labor down the road, the three industries' biggest labor union said Wednesday.

Although still mostly limited to metalworking industries, the shortage of jobs for apprentices suggests that the worker-training program often cited as one of recession's strengths may be as susceptible to recession as the industries it is designed to serve.

"In nearly every factory, region and sector, the permanent employment that usually follows an apprenticeship is becoming an acute problem," said Yilmaz Karahasan, a board member of IG Metall, Germany's biggest labor union.

This year, fewer than half of the metal industry's 130,000 apprentices, known as *azubis*, will be hired permanently by the companies that have spent up to three-and-a-half years training them, he said.

Those *azubis* not retained by their patrons will end up unemployed after three or six months, he said.

Even more worrisome, according to Erwin Vitt, another IG Metall director, is companies' reduced willingness to take on trainees for whom they might not later find jobs. One in 10 apprenticeship positions is in jeopardy because of cost-cutting, he said.

Although the number of applicants for training positions in the metalworking industry last year fell 15 percent, the number of starting *azubis* actually fell 15 percent, he said. "If the metalworking industry's flagship companies turn their backs on apprentices in times of economic distress, a crisis of the system is unavoidable," he said.

"Germany as a production location so far has had one distinctive advantage — its highly qualified work force — and that's now being eroded," Mr. Vitt said.

Others were less worried. "Some big companies are having trouble hiring trainees, but I wouldn't go so far as to say the system is a failure," said Reinhold Weiss, a worker-training expert at the Institute on the German Economy in Cologne. "It is the employment program that has failed, not the apprenticeship program."

Many young male *azubis* who are not immediately hired sign up for mandatory military service rather than end up jobless, Mr. Weiss noted. Even in the best of times, only 80 to 90 percent of trainees end up with permanent jobs at the same place they trained, he said.

Nevertheless, if the union's warnings are accurate, the apprenticeship system's current woes represent a growing source of unemployment in the short term and a threat to worker availability in the longer term.

The problem is especially acute in Eastern Germany, Mr. Karahasan said. In Erfurt, 186 out of 349 *azubis* surveyed by IG Metall said they would not be given jobs at the end of their training period. "An entire generation is being robbed of a future," he said.

Air France Won't Bend On Pay Rise

Reuters

PARIS — Air France said on Wednesday that it would not raise wages in 1993 beyond an increase agreed upon last year, and lashed out at its unions, saying they had no conception of the state-owned carrier's difficulties.

"There will be no general salary rise in 1993 beyond the 0.4 percent the company agreed in the 1992 salary accord," the company said.

Air France said the airline's unions had requested a 2.6 percent salary raise this year, as well as no forced layoffs.

Air France said the unions' position was "proof of the total absence of understanding of the economic reality of a company that lost 3.2 billion francs in 1992 and that has set an objective of reducing this deficit by half for 1993."

The \$600 million loss last year was preceded by a loss of \$128 million in 1991.

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"It's the company that isn't taking into account the economic situation," Mr. Genoves said.

Airline analysts say that Air France has been slower than most other ailing carriers to reduce staff. It plans to cut 1,200 jobs this year.

4 European Airlines Consider a Link-Up

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

AMSTERDAM — Four Continental European airlines said Wednesday they were in exploratory talks on joining forces in Europe's newly deregulated air-travel market.

KLM Royal Dutch Airlines, Swissair, Austrian Airlines and Scandinavian SAS said in a short and cautiously worded joint statement that they were "investigating whether official negotiations aimed at achieving some form of strategic cooperation" could prove to be "successful."

The airlines did not give further details and said they would not while the project was under study.

But a Swissair spokesman said that the main goal of the talks was for KLM to join the European Quality Alliance, a cooperation pact between SAS, Swissair and Austrian Airlines that was established to share costs and improve marketing efforts. The alliance partners coordinate marketing, timetables and check-in operations.

The Jan. 1 deregulation of the European Community's aviation market will eventually allow airlines in the Community to pick their own routes and set their own fares, a change likely to usher in a new era of cut-throat competition on the Continent.

No decision has yet been taken.

Investor's Europe

| Exchange | Index | Wednesday Close | Prev. Close | % Change |
|-----------------------------|----------|-----------------|-------------|----------|
| Frankfurt DAX | 2800 | 2800 | 2800 | 0.00 |
| London FTSE 100 Index | 2700 | 2700 | 2700 | 0.00 |
| Paris CAC 40 | 2000 | 2000 | 2000 | 0.00 |
| Amsterdam CBS Trend | 97.70 | 97.70 | 97.70 | 0.00 |
| Brussels Stock Index | 5,803.17 | 5,794.53 | +0.15 | |
| Frankfurt DAX | 1,569.32 | 1,576.16 | -0.88 | |
| Frankfurt FAZ | 613.87 | 618.27 | -0.38 | |
| Helsinki HEX | 672.60 | 666.58 | +0.69 | |
| London Financial Times 30 | 2,187.00 | 2,189.90 | -0.13 | |
| London FTSE 100 | 2,832.50 | 2,835.70 | -0.11 | |
| Madrid General Index | 234.40 | 231.60 | +1.21 | |
| Milan MIB | 1,060.00 | 1,056.00 | +0.38 | |
| Paris CAC 40 | 1,777.35 | 1,782.55 | -0.85 | |
| Stockholm Affarsvevsindexen | 1,021.50 | 1,026.96 | -0.53 | |
| Vienna Stock Index | 347.03 | 341.68 | +1.57 | |
| Zurich SBS | 695.00 | 701.00 | -0.86 | |

Sources: Reuters, AFP
International Herald Tribune

Construction Union Sets Pay Claim High

Reuters

FRANKFURT — Representatives of West German construction workers on Wednesday sought a 6.9 percent pay increase for this year, but employers rejected it as unrealistically high in what was shaping up as a difficult year economically.

The IG Bau-Steine-Erde union also called for parity between pay in the struggling eastern half of Germany and that in the more affluent West. Eastern workers currently make 77 percent of western pay levels.

The 6.9 percent claim was above those seen recently in other sectors, reflecting the fact that building activity remains strong despite a slowdown in other sectors. But the soaring costs of unification and attendant

high inflation have combined with the economic slowdown to put pressure on all German unions to parlay back pay demands.

Moderate wage settlements are among the conditions the Bundesbank has set for a reduction in Germany's high interest rates, and were originally supposed to be a part of the so-called solidarity pact to get the economy back on track.

Unions have been sharply criticized for making pay claims in the East that far outstrip gains in productivity, and are also seen as having little sympathy with the solidarity pact, which calls for mutual sacrifices on the part of government, unions and employers.

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EC Sees No Wrong in Hoover Move

Agence France-Press

BRUSSELS — The European Community can do nothing to stop the U.S. vacuum-cleaner manufacturer Hoover from moving a factory from France to Scotland in search of government subsidies and less expensive labor, EC officials said Wednesday.

The move, announced Monday, provoked protests in France because it will cost 600 jobs in the southern town of Loogy, near Dijon.

Officials at the EC Commission denied allegations that Britain had misused Community development aid, as suggested by Prime Minister Pierre Berégovoy of France. They said there was no reason to believe that a British subsidy of £2.5 million (\$3.8 million) in aid to Hoover had violated EC subsidy rules.

In deciding to shift a plant making vacuum cleaners to the Scottish town of Cambuslang, near Glasgow, Hoover officials acknowledged that the company would be able to cut its bill for wages and social charges by 37 percent compared with its costs in France.

French Firm to Pull Out of Dresden

Reuters

DRESDEN — A French porcelain maker said Wednesday that it would pull out of Eastern Germany because soaring wage levels had made its investment unprofitable.

Manufacture de Saxe SA said it was talking to several companies about selling Saechsische Porzellanmanufaktur GmbH in Dresden even though it had invested 3.6 million Deutsche marks (\$2.3 million) since buying the formerly Communist-run company in 1991.

"It's too risky to invest any more considering the rate of wage rises," said Christian Tassin, chief executive of Manufacture de Saxe.

Trade unions agreed with employers in 1991 to raise wages in Eastern Germany to levels in Western Germany by 1994.

LAYOFFS: Change Hits America's Blue Chips, but Worst May Be Over

(Continued from page 1)

white-collar employees would make up fully 60 percent of those who lose their jobs at the company's engine division in Florida and Connecticut. As in many companies, this latest wave of layoffs reflects not simply a decline in orders, but a determination to lower corporate overhead.

An even more dramatic admission that costs had gotten out of hand came from Sears. While the Sears catalogue had lost money and market share in recent years, Sears still boasted annual catalogue sales of \$3.3 billion. Analysts said that was surely enough of a business base on which to build an efficient

and profitable catalogue operation.

"Ed Brennan is firing 50,000 people," said Maxwell Stoge, an industry consultant, referring to Sears's chairman. "I think it should be 50,001."

There are signals that the pain of corporate downsizing has begun to generate some gain for the overall economy. Corporate profits have been up smartly over the past three quarters, while productivity, measured in sales per employee, is rising for the first time in years.

Other analysts are encouraged by the fact that the restructuring process has finally hit the biggest U.S. corporations such as IBM, Sears and GM. That these giants

have now reached their day of reckoning is evidence "that the process is now well along," according to Gall Foster, chief economist for the Conference Board, a business research organization.

Economists warn not to draw too many broad conclusions from a week of sobering business news. What look like tough cuts for one company may be nothing more than a shift in market share.

Although IBM has hit a rough patch, for example, Compaq Computer Corp. and Apple Computer Inc. have just finished record years at the personal computer end of the business. Analysts say IBM's recent problems stem from a decisive

NYSE Wednesday's Closing

Tables include the nationwide prices up to the closing on Wall Street and do not reflect late trades elsewhere. Via The Associated Press

(Continued)

| 12 Month High | Low | Stock | Div | Yld | PE | 52 Wk High | 52 Wk Low | Label | Chg |
|---------------|--------|------------------------|------|-----|----|------------|-----------|------------------------|-----|
| 23 1/2 | 23 1/2 | IBM | 3.75 | 6.2 | 13 | 250 | 100 | IBM Corp | + |
| 23 1/2 | 23 1/2 | Microsoft | 2.00 | 10 | 20 | 150 | 50 | Microsoft Corp | + |
| 23 1/2 | 23 1/2 | Apple | 1.50 | 10 | 15 | 100 | 30 | Apple Computer | + |
| 23 1/2 | 23 1/2 | Compaq | 1.25 | 10 | 15 | 100 | 30 | Compaq Computer | + |
| 23 1/2 | 23 1/2 | Oracle | 1.00 | 10 | 15 | 100 | 30 | Oracle Corp | + |
| 23 1/2 | 23 1/2 | Novell | 0.75 | 10 | 15 | 100 | 30 | Novell Inc | + |
| 23 1/2 | 23 1/2 | Sun | 0.50 | 10 | 15 | 100 | 30 | Sun Microsystems | + |
| 23 1/2 | 23 1/2 | Lucent | 0.25 | 10 | 15 | 100 | 30 | Lucent Technologies | + |
| 23 1/2 | 23 1/2 | Motorola | 0.50 | 10 | 15 | 100 | 30 | Motorola Inc | + |
| 23 1/2 | 23 1/2 | Intel | 0.25 | 10 | 15 | 100 | 30 | Intel Corp | + |
| 23 1/2 | 23 1/2 | Advanced Micro Devices | 0.15 | 10 | 15 | 100 | 30 | Advanced Micro Devices | + |
| 23 1/2 | 23 1/2 | AMD | 0.15 | 10 | 15 | 100 | 30 | Advanced Micro Devices | + |
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REPUBLIC OF LEBANON Rehabilitation of the Water Supply and Waste Water Sector

PRE-QUALIFICATION OF CONTRACTORS

For the rehabilitation and reconstruction of its Infrastructure, the Republic of Lebanon has applied for loans from the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD), the European Bank for Investment (EIB), Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development, and other sources including the Lebanese Treasury to cover the costs of rehabilitation of the water supply and waste water sector.

It is intended that the proceeds of the above loans will be applied for payments to contractors under contracts to be awarded for the following work packages:

A- Water Supply:
Package no.1 Water sources and boreholes
Package no.2 Water treatment works
Package no.3 Pumping stations
Package no.4 Transmission mains and distribution systems
Package no.5 Storage tanks

B- Sewage Water Sector:
Package no.1 Collection systems
Package no.2 Pumping stations

These works should be executed on all the Lebanese territory. The first year investment program will mainly concentrate on the rehabilitation of all the installations and equipments from the intake up to the tanks for storage of treated water. The scope of the work for the second and third years has been identified up to feasibility studies and detailed design will be prepared during the first year of the program.

The works will be executed under the supervision of consultants appointed by the Ministry of Hydraulic and Electric Resources (MHER) and the Council for Development and Reconstruction (CDR) under donor guidelines. Contractors who have already implemented similar projects under tight control, are invited to apply for pre-qualification.

Reasons for not pre-qualifying any firm or consortium need not be given and no costs incurred in pre-qualifying will be reimbursed. Invitations for bidding will only be sent to firms or consortia which are pre-qualified.

The CDR invites contracting firms or consortia interested in bidding to obtain pre-qualification documents starting January 27, 1993 from the:

Council for Development and Reconstruction (CDR)
Tallet El-Seray, Beirut-Lebanon
Deadline for submission of pre-qualification applications with all supporting documents at the CDR offices in Beirut, Lebanon is 12:00 noon on March 16, 1993.

REPUBLIC OF LEBANON Rehabilitation of the Solid Waste Management Sector

PRE-QUALIFICATION OF CONTRACTORS

For the rehabilitation of the solid waste management sector, the Republic of Lebanon is receiving financing from the Italian Government, from the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) and from other sources including the Lebanese Treasury.

It is intended that the proceeds of the above financing will be applied to payments to qualified contractors under contracts to be awarded for the following packages:

A- Supply of 80 compactor trucks for countrywide distribution and rehabilitation of 33 existing trucks in Beirut;

B- Supply of 2800 containers for countrywide distribution;

C- Supply of mobile equipment (earth compactors, mechanical shovels, tractors, bowzers, ...) for sanitary landfills across the country;

D- Rehabilitation of the Karantina compost plant.

E- Operation and maintenance of the incinerator at Amrousiyeh (a suburb of Beirut) and the compost plant in the Karantina area of Beirut;

F- Operation of solid waste collection for Beirut.

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OUTSIDER: IBM Needs Someone to Send a Signal of Dramatic Change

(Continued from first finance page) get the company moving at the industry's breakneck pace. Since starting as a technician at IBM 28 years ago, he has gained wide experience and respect inside the company. Also, his understanding of IBM's corporate culture might help ease the transition.

Yet it may be easier to promote from within because of the stock-option plans and other such incentives elsewhere that may keep outside candidates from job hopping. Both James A. Cannavino, 48, the head of IBM's personal-computer and workstation group, and Nicholas M. Donofrio, 47, the head of mainframes, have been mentioned as insiders who have not followed the tried and true route — through marketing — to the top at IBM.

Mr. Cannavino in particular is thought to have the rebel sensibilities needed to shake up IBM and

More conventional successors might include Robert J. LaBant, 47, now running IBM's U.S. marketing business; Ellen M. Hancock, 49, IBM's highest-ranking woman and head of its networking business; Ned C. Lautenbach, 48, a fast-track star who is head of IBM's Asia Pacific business, or M. Bernard Puckett, 48, another rising star who heads the company's software business.

An outsider would need the requisite technology skills and experience running a big corporation, while at the same time possessing the ability to administer the stock treatment called for.

Two other names that were men-

tioned as possible candidates are Mr. Kavner, head of communications products at AT&T, and Charles E. Foley Jr., the former chairman of NCR Corp. Both men have a broad understanding of the computer industry and have experience in large corporations.

Another possible outsider whose name has been mentioned is Mr. Rosen, the entrepreneur and venture capitalist who successfully orchestrated a turnaround at Compaq last year.

"IBM is a company with incredible resources and opportunities," Mr. Rosen said Tuesday. "But the problems will be solved only with a great deal of pain." It is a challenge he said he had no interest taking on.

"I've found my niche," he said. "I'm not an operations guy."

NASDAQ

Wednesday's Prices
NASDAQ prices as of 4 p.m. New York time. This list compiled by the AP, consists of the 1,000 most traded securities in terms of dollar value. It is updated twice a year.

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| INTC | 41.75 | 41.25 | 41.25 | 41.75 |
| MSFT | 55.75 | 55.25 | 55.25 | 55.75 |
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Success Fuels a Retailer's China Push

TOKYO — Yaohan Hong Kong Corp., a maverick Japanese department-store retailer that moved its headquarters to Hong Kong three years ago, plans to open 1,000 stores in China by 2010, the company said Wednesday.

"We've decided that retail is a hot business in China," Mr. Zhang said. Other Japanese retailers are not far behind Yaohan in the race to set up shops in China.

Sales by large Japanese retailers fell 5.7 percent in December from the same period a year earlier to 2.737 trillion yen (\$22.2 billion), the Ministry of International Trade and Industry said Wednesday.

Ti and Hitachi Link To Make New Chip

TOKYO — Hitachi Ltd. of Japan and Texas Instruments Inc. of the United States said Wednesday that they would jointly develop a new generation of high-capacity memory chips.

Toshiba Cuts HDTV Price

TOKYO — Toshiba Corp. said Wednesday it would introduce Japan's least expensive high-definition television in February, undercutting a model launched last year by Sony Corp. by 25 percent.

Investor's Asia. Table showing stock indices for Hong Kong, Singapore, and Tokyo. Includes columns for Exchange, Index, Wednesday Close, and Change.

Very briefly:

- Campbell Soup Co. said it had lifted its stake in Arnotts Ltd. to 38.5 percent as of Wednesday, one day before the close of its 1.3 billion dollar (\$886 million) offer; Arnotts said it was confident Campbell, which had a one-third stake before making its bid, would profit to win a majority.

New Stock Index For China Shares

HONG KONG — The first index to focus solely on so-called China-concept stocks listed on exchanges around the world has been launched by Peregrine Brokerage, the Hong Kong securities house announced Wednesday.

Cathay Pacific on Course for a Hollow Victory

HONG KONG — Cathay Pacific Airways Ltd. seemed to be gaining the upper hand in its struggle against striking flight attendants on Wednesday, but its victory would be hollow one, analysts said.

three quarters of its attendants had reported to duty, and the union corroborated the claim by saying that 1,000 remained on strike. About 3,500 of the attendants are in the union.

that it allowed to discipline flight attendants who walked off the job. "What's at stake for us? Sure this strike is about working conditions and wages," a strike committee member said on Wednesday.

Large table titled 'INTERNATIONAL FUNDS' containing numerous fund names, their performance metrics, and other financial data. Includes sub-sections like 'ADVERTISMENT' and 'INTERNATIONAL FUNDS'.

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SPORTS SUPER BOWL

Thomas Lost a Helmet, But Is Keeping His Head

By Richard Justice
Washington Post Service

LOS ANGELES — Thurman Thomas did not show up with helmet in hand. He didn't have it handcuffed to his wrist. He didn't promise to hire a valet to keep an eye on it. But on a day when he'd promised to tackle a matter that might be nothing short of laughable if it hadn't come to symbolize the larger failures of the Buffalo Bills, he was otherwise perfect.

He was funny and irreverent one moment, serious and down to earth the next.

Yes, he'd lost his helmet and missed the first two plays of last year's Super Bowl loss to the Washington Redskins.

Yes, he was embarrassed.

No, his mistake wasn't the difference between victory and defeat.

The Bills arrived here for their third straight Super Bowl promising to send a different message, one of maturity and seriousness and togetherness. It began Tuesday with Thomas stretching across two rows of Dodger Stadium field boxes and doing some explaining.

"I came here knowing I'd be asked a lot of questions," he said, "but I've learned to deal with that. It's something that's not going to go away — maybe ever. No matter how I play, it's always going to be brought up. You know that and I know that. If we win, the headlines are going to be, 'Bills win, Thurman Thomas finds his helmet.' You

know that's the truth. You've probably already written them. I just want to win the game. I can live with the rest of it."

He was surrounded by dozens of reporters who came at him in waves asking the same question over and over. He said he'd have been a topic of conversation whether the Bills were here or not. But since they are, to play the Dallas Cowboys on Sunday, it was easy to remember last year when Thomas complained about a lack of respect during the week leading up to the Super Bowl, then lost his helmet just before kickoff and missed the beginning of a 37-24 loss. The Redskins won because they did everything right, rolling up 417 yards, forcing five turnovers and sacking Jim Kelly five times. Still, the enduring image is of the Bills' player who had talked the loudest wasn't ready to play on game day.

Now, he smiled about the matter, answered every question, never once got testy.

Where was the helmet?

"I put it in the same spot I always put it. I put it on the end of the bench on the end of the field where we'll be getting the ball. I've done that since 1988 and it's the first time it hasn't been there. I have no idea who moved it. I think maybe it was Kenneth Davis. I think he wanted to start."

Why don't you keep it with you?

"I just don't like having it with me before the game. I like to be

relaxed. It's just me. I don't play catch with the quarterbacks, either. I don't eat the day of the game. I like to be in the last group out of the locker room. I do things the same way before every game and there'd never been a problem. I'd do it the same way this week."

Can you laugh about it now?

"I've always laughed about it. You guys are the ones that didn't laugh. You guys have tried to make it a big issue and make it seem like we lost the game because of it. My family and friends know that's not why we lost. The Washington Redskins had a great team and they'd done it all year long. They were better than us."

Will you ever live it down?

"If I'm going to be remembered for that, this might as well be my last football game. I know it's always going to be brought up. If I go to the Hall of Fame, it'll be brought up. I don't know what you put in the Hall of Fame for you, maybe shoes and a jersey. I'm pretty sure my helmet will be there."

Two losses in the Super Bowl have taken some of the luster off a player who's arguably pro football's single best offensive weapon, a speedy, slippery running back who is the first player in history to lead the NFL in total yards four straight years. His 2,115 yards this season was the most highest total in history and his 1,487 rushing yards is a personal best.

The Bills have a dazzling array of



Kevin Gogan, left, and Dale Hellestrae, offensive linemen for the Cowboys, relaxed as the press put a crush on more famous teammates.

weapons, beginning with quarterback Kelly and an arsenal of receivers and ending with the game's best backup running back, Kenneth Davis. If they win Sunday, it'll probably be because the Cowboys are unable to contain Thurman Thomas, who'll get the ball as a running back, catch a handful of screen passes and also be sent down the field one-on-one with a safety a few times.

Thomas said it seems like more

than two years since the Bills showed up young and cocky to play the New York Giants in Super Bowl XXV. They lost that one, 20-19. They returned and lost big last year. Somehow amid all the disappointment and publicity, they held together, getting not just older, but seemingly better.

"You can say all you want about what happened off the field," Thomas said. "I would say that two of the three years we've been here

we've been really focused. Last year, things got out of hand with us making comments and maybe making it appear we weren't as into the game as we should have been. We've learned things about not making stupid comments. Not hanging around all night. Not being late to meetings.

"There comes a certain point in your career when you realize that to succeed there are things you can't do and things you can."

Cowboys vs. Bills: The Comparison

| REGULAR SEASON OFFENSE | | 1992 | 1991 |
|------------------------|--|-------|-------|
| GAMES (Win-Loss) | | 11-5 | 13-3 |
| FIRST DOWNS | | 330 | 320 |
| Rushing | | 133 | 119 |
| Passing | | 197 | 201 |
| Penalty | | 25 | 22 |
| YDS GAINED (tot) | | 5893 | 5494 |
| Ave per Game | | 362.3 | 337.1 |
| RUSHING (int) | | 2454 | 2324 |
| Ave per Game | | 152.3 | 145.2 |
| Rushes | | 549 | 530 |
| Yards per Rush | | 4.4 | 4.2 |
| PASSING (int) | | 442 | 365 |
| Ave per Game | | 27.6 | 22.8 |
| Passes Atl. | | 309 | 471 |
| Completed | | 299 | 314 |
| Pct Completed | | 51.4 | 48.0 |
| Yards Gained | | 3678 | 3377 |
| Sacked | | 29 | 28 |
| Yards Lost | | 221 | 15 |
| Int Intercepted | | 21 | 15 |
| Yards Opp Ret | | 423 | 308 |
| Opp TDs on Int | | 1 | 0 |
| PUNTS | | 44 | 46 |
| Ave Yards | | 42.2 | 43.0 |
| PUNT RETURNS | | 43 | 44 |
| Ave Return | | 18.8 | 12.5 |
| Returned for TD | | 4 | 2 |
| KICKOFF RETURNS | | 41 | 27 |
| Ave Return | | 18.6 | 18 |
| Returned for TD | | 1 | 0 |
| PENALTIES | | 103 | 97 |
| Yards Penalties | | 773 | 698 |
| FUMBLERS BY | | 16 | 16 |
| Own Fumbles | | 17 | 9 |
| Opp Fumbles | | 29 | 24 |
| Opp Fum Lost | | 4 | 2 |
| Opp TDs on Fum | | 28 | 20 |
| TOUCHDOWNS | | 44 | 48 |
| Rushing | | 18 | 26 |
| Passing | | 25 | 22 |
| Returns | | 1 | 0 |
| EXTRA POINTS | | 43 | 47 |
| FIELD GOALS-PCA | | 24-28 | 24-28 |
| POINTS SCORED | | 381 | 409 |

Jed and Jethro Knew What They Were Doin'

By Michael Wilbon
Washington Post Service

LOS ANGELES — It's not uncommon to find National Football League coaches sleeping on sofas, or general managers going years without as much as a week of vacation. If you're not a tireless worker, your club is behind.

But even by that standard, Jerry Jones and Jimmy Johnson are extreme. Jones, after buying the Dallas Cowboys for \$135 million four years ago, divorced himself from his gas, oil, insurance and poultry ventures to spend 100 percent of his time remaking the team.

Johnson, the coach, said of his then-wife Linda on the eve of the team's first training camp. "Hey, she knows she's No. 2."

So while people throughout the league laughed at their arrival in the winter of 1989, Jones and Johnson worked. Fanatically. The former University of Arkansas roommates were mocked as "Jed and Jethro," but Jones and Johnson stockpiled draft picks.

The Cowboys' 1-15 record in 1989 was seen by many as confirmation that these two were in over their heads. But Jones and Johnson made trades.

They took five players and seven draft picks from the Minnesota Vikings in that famous exchange for Herschel Walker. They gave up precious little in the way of those stockpiled picks to get other players, including pass rusher Charles Haley and backup quarterback Steve Beuerlein.

Now, four years and 43 trades later, it's obvious that Jones and Johnson did all right by themselves.

Jones, as a businessman, always believed in raw materials. In football, that means talent. Johnson covets players, and Jones will do what is necessary to get them.

"When a Charles Haley comes down the road, you don't blink," Jones said. "You just get him. Whatever we need, we make an effort to get and we don't have to go through a committee to get permission."

The country-by-country listings of the television coverage planned for the Super Bowl will appear in Friday's International Herald Tribune.

The Cowboys, with an average age of 25, have the youngest team in the NFL. With the possible exception of the Buffalo Bills, whom they play Sunday in Super Bowl XXVII, and the San Francisco 49ers, whom they defeated for the NFC championship, the Cowboys are also the most talented.

"We were a bad football team, but they were bad before I got here," Johnson said of the 1989 season, which followed a 3-13 record in Tom Landry's final season as coach, 1988. "I didn't bring a bad football team with me."

"The most obvious improvement is the upgrade in talent," Johnson added. "We've tried to pursue every avenue in upgrading the talent from where we were since we first got here."

"Trades, we've been active in. In '88, we've drafted well, we've signed free agents, we've claimed players off waivers. Any way you can get a player, that's what we've been doing the last four years."

Some teams can't seem to figure out year after year what to do with draft picks. Not the Cowboys.

The 1989 draft alone yielded four starters: quarterback Troy Aikman, fullback Darryl Johnston, center Mark Stepnoski and defensive end Tony Tolbert.

Emmitt Smith, who has established himself as the best running back in the league, and defensive tackle Jimmie

boys relied heavily on the computer to decide whether a player had NFL potential. Johnson will go back to high school films to find out how productive a player was. Of Smith, who has led the league in rushing for two seasons, Jones said, "He's a good lesson in drafting. It's his bow he has performed, not how he was projected to perform."

"Productive player is the best way to describe him. He's got great quickness and is a very strong player for his size" of 5 feet, 9 inches and 203 pounds (175 centimeters and 92 kilograms).

"The first thing about Emmitt Smith is he gets the job done," Jones said. "He moves the chain and he puts the ball in the end zone."

After Jerry Rice and perhaps Andre Rison, Michael Irvin is as dangerous a receiver as there is in the league. And now that Dan Marino, John Elway, Steve Young, Jim Kelly and Warren Moon have all become 30-something, it's Aikman's turn to become the league's premier quarterback.

Smith is 23, Irvin and Aikman are 26. Johnson said of his team, with a straight face. "Right now, we have a roster that we like fairly well."

For the first half of this season, skeptics pointed to the Cowboys' defense as a possible weakness. That defense finished the season No. 1 in the league.

Then those still in doubt said the jury was still out on Aikman, who hadn't won a playoff game. He is now 2-0.

So if there is a weakness, the Bills might want to figure it out soon.

SIDELINES

An IOC-FIFA Compromise?

ROME (Reuters) — Olympic soccer teams will be allowed to include three players older than the present limit of 23 under an agreement worked out with FIFA, the IOC's president, Juan Antonio Samaranch, said Wednesday in the Italian newspaper Gazzetta dello Sport.

Pierre Littbarski, a member of Germany's World Cup team in 1990, is negotiating with the Japanese club JR East Furukawa to play in the new professional league, team officials said.

China's top soccer teams have been given approval by senior officials to hire foreign players for the first time, the state-run newspaper Wen Huibao said Wednesday.

Rangers and Palmeiro Agree

NEW YORK — Rafael Palmeiro has agreed on a one-year, \$4.55 million contract with the Texas Rangers, canceling what would have been the richest arbitration hearing this winter.

Palmeiro, who won \$3.85 million in an arbitrator's decision last year, reached agreement Tuesday on a deal halfway between the \$4.85 million he asked for — the most of any player this winter — and the \$4.25 million Texas offered.

Two other players settled Tuesday, leaving 91 players left in arbitration. Fincher Mike Maddux and the New York Mets agreed to a two-year contract worth \$2,375,000, and outfielder Kevin Reimer and the Milwaukee Brewers agreed to a one-year contract worth \$725,000.

For the Record

Tommy Soderstrom, the Swedish goalie for the NHL Philadelphia Flyers, underwent a fourth operation to correct an abnormality in his heart, but an hour later the abnormality reappeared.

Hilary Lindh, the Olympic downhill silver medalist who was injured last weekend in Austria, will undergo surgery on Friday to repair knee and ligament damage, the U.S. Ski Team said.

The NHL's board of governors voted unanimously to immediately delete the rule for which the Detroit Red Wings' coach, Brian Murray, was to be suspended 10 games. (UPI)

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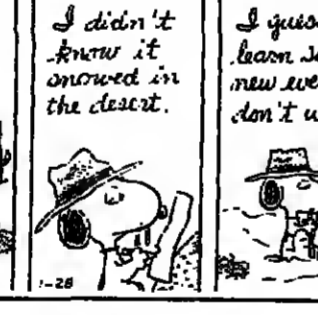
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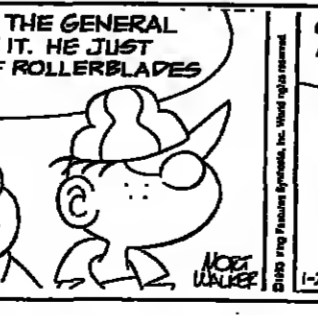
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A Child of Distant Gods



Chad Rowan shared a smile with his parents, Janice and Randy, as he prepared for the rites that made him the first foreign yokozuna.

Chad Rowan's Improbable Rise to Sumo's Summit

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches TOKYO — The American sumo wrestler Chad Rowan officially became the first foreign yokozuna, or grand champion, in the history of Japan's ancient national sport on Wednesday.

For Takahamada, the popular Japanese wrestler whom Akebono defeated Sunday in the climactic match of the New Year's tournament, there was good news and bad news Wednesday: He won a coveted title but lost his fiancée.

neighborhood of Waimanalo on the windward side of Oahu, said Al Torres, his uncle. Akebono probably had little choice: His mother, Janice Rowan, raised her eldest of three sons with love — she calls the sumo behemoth "my baby" — but also strict discipline and a strong religious upbringing as a Jehovah's Witness.

Then There Were 4 at the Open, All With Straight-Set Victories

By Christopher Clarey International Herald Tribune MELBOURNE — Of the eight men who started out full of hope on Wednesday at Flinders Park, only four had won a Grand Slam singles title.



Michael Stich, who has served 70 aces in five matches, also had a soft touch around the net.

It was a day of heavy rain and little suspense in Melbourne. Every man's quarterfinal was won in straight sets, the first time that has happened in a Grand Slam event since the 1985 U.S. Open. Only one of the matches was played outdoors in its entirety.

Pete Sampras, outdoors, was the first to reach the semifinals. He was followed closely by Michael Stich, Stefan Edberg and, finally, defending champion Jim Courier.

All the losers could do was post on brave faces and dole out post-match compliments. "I was hoping he was going to get bored out there so I'd have a chance, but he stayed interested too long," the unseeded New Zealander Brett Steven said after his very routine 6-3, 6-2, 6-3 loss to the third-seeded Sampras.

While the quarterfinals were less than electric, Friday's semifinals should be full of drama. In the first, the top-seeded Courier will attempt to keep his Melbourne winning streak alive against the resurgent, 14th-seeded Stich, who has served 70 aces in five matches. In the other semifinal, Sampras will face the second-seeded Edberg in a rematch of last year's U.S. Open final.

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NBA Standings

Table with NBA Standings for Eastern Conference (Atlantic, Central, Pacific) and Western Conference (Midwest, Pacific).

TUESDAY'S RESULTS

Table with Tuesday's Results for various sports including basketball, football, and hockey.

TENNIS

Table with Tennis results for Australian Open, Wimbledon, and other tournaments.

When a New Border Splits a Tennis Team

MELBOURNE — Like many former Czechoslovakians, Miloslav Mečíř is part of a family tree with varied branches. His mother is a Slovak, his father a Czech. And although he lives in the Slovak capital, Bratislava, and comments on tennis for Slovak television, his wife is a Czech.

Europe is this? Who knows who is Slovakian or Slovenian? Who knows Czech Republic or Czechland or whatever we call ourselves? The Czech half of the country was always the stronger in tennis terms. Of Czechoslovakia's myriad stars, only Mečíř could be considered a Slovak. A finalist at the U.S. Open in 1986 and the Olympic gold medalist in 1988, he prematurely ended his career because of a chronic back problem.

Her coach lives in Prague, and the conditions for training are better there," Bucko said. "We can have some problems in Slovakia with organizing tennis things. We are not very skilled with management and sponsorships because our tennis administrators are not so experienced on the international level. They also don't speak English so well."

"I think this change is going to hit hard on both sides," Korda said. "The big problem on our side is that everybody who knows how to handle a racket is teaching in Germany and making money for living. We don't have any coaches in my country, and between 16 and 20 years old, we don't have so many young players. It's getting a little better with the young ones at 10, 12 and 14 because they can get sponsors. Money talks, you know."

HOCKEY

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Table with NHL Standings for Wales Conference and Campbell Conference.

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ART BUCHWALD

Friendly Criticism

WASHINGTON — You are probably wondering what happened to all the Democratic harmony and goodwill you witnessed on Inauguration Day. The love feast is over, and people are snapping at each other's ankles. Here's the problem: For 12 years the Democratic cultural elite gathered in each other's living rooms in Georgetown to cuss out the Republicans and their leaders. It was a contact sport, and everyone thrived on making patronizing remarks about President Reagan and President Bush. You didn't need a log fire to keep warm.



Buchwald

All you had to do was hear someone say "Sumner" and the blood rushed to your head and you developed goose bumps all over. The choice of people to criticize for ruining the country was inexcusable — starting and ending with Dan Quayle. As soon as the brandy was poured, it was open season on the Republican Party. As an opposition party the cultural elite was in fat city.

New York City Opera Plans a Marilyn Musical

NEW YORK — The New York City Opera will present a musical account of Marilyn Monroe's life as one of the three world premieres during the company's 50th season, which also will feature two other new productions, six revivals and three repertory works. The season, which opens July 28 and ends Nov. 21, will offer 97 performances of the 14 productions.

Hamilton's Kennedy vs. the Kennedys

By Frank J. Prial

NEW YORK — The lunchtime crowd at the 21 club was typical: mostly male, soberly suited, well padded for the most part and, given the prices, certainly well heeled.

Joe Kennedy would have been at home there. Indeed, for many years, he was Jack Kennedy, less so, perhaps, and Nigel Hamilton not at all. Even so, there Hamilton was. British, bearded, and tweedy, a book and a sheaf of papers at his side.

The book, of course, was his highly successful new biography of the young Jack Kennedy, "JFK: Reckless Youth," which has been on the New York Times best-seller list for seven weeks.

Hamilton, who lives in Washington with his wife and two of his children — two others, by his first wife, live in England — is well into the second volume of the Kennedy book. It will offer more disclosures about the president's sex life and "other surprises," he promised. And then there will be a volume three.

But the Kennedys — the living Kennedys — were much on Hamilton's mind at lunch. The president's brother, Teddy, and three of his sisters — Jean Smith, Eunice Shriver, and Patricia Lawford — had recently issued, in The New York Times, a scathing rebuttal of the way Hamilton portrayed their parents. In his own article in the Times, Hamilton asserted that the Kennedy family had tried to obstruct his research.

In his book, Hamilton characterized Joe and Rose Kennedy as participants in what one reviewer called "a loveless, mutually tyrannical relationship" that left their children, particularly Jack, emotionally stunted. To Hamilton, Joe Kennedy was a loathsome ogre, a crook, a draft dodger, and a lecher. Rose Kennedy was "the dotty mother," self-centered and narrow minded, poking through the couture houses in Paris while Jack lay ill and in pain in hospitals back home.

What about the family's denial of all that, Hamilton was asked. "I expected this to be done by people on behalf of the Kennedys," he said. "I never expected it to be done by the Kennedys themselves. They pretend to believe in history but they are really very suspicious of it."

Hamilton, 48, belies his donnish mien. As a savvy writer, he is ready to turn history into a sound bite to sell his book. He said he was not surprised by the Kennedy counterattack; his book was controversial well before it was published in October.

For four years, Hamilton researched his book while he was the John F. Kennedy



Contemplating Kennedy: Author Nigel Hamilton has two volumes to go.

Scholar and Visiting Professor in the John W. McCormack Institute of Public Affairs, at the University of Massachusetts, in Boston.

He said his first publisher, Houghton Mifflin, of Boston, dropped him when he told the company that the book would be longer than one volume. "They didn't think it would be commercial," he said.

"There I was, after four years' work, with this huge manuscript and no publisher," he said. "So I went off to Finland, well, regroup." Hamilton's wife, Outi, is Finnish, and they have a cabin deep in the forests near the Russian border.

Some time previously, he had done a magazine article on Finland. When it appeared in July 1991, Harold Evans, now at Random House, read it. He also read the brief accompanying biographical note that mentioned the Kennedy book. "He sought me out in my forest retreat and asked about the book's status," Hamilton said. "He also told me that Kennedy was far and away the most popular subject for a book, and Random House had no Kennedy book. Suddenly I had a publisher again."

There was an old-boy connection. The two men were old friends. Evans, who briefly edited The Times of London under

Rupert Murdoch, had once worked for Hamilton's father, Denis Hamilton, when he was the editor-in-chief there.

"I never heard a word from Houghton Mifflin," he said. "They never apologized or even wrote me a letter. They just told my agent they were backing out."

Before tackling the Kennedy project, Hamilton had three books behind him, including two fairly big successes: "The Brothers Mann," a biography of Thomas Mann and his older brother, Heinrich, and "Money," a three-volume biography of Field Marshal Montgomery.

The Kennedy project goes back to 1963, shortly before the president's assassination. Hamilton, then a Cambridge University undergraduate, spent that summer working as an intern for The Washington Post. His mentor was J. Russell Wiggin, then editor of the Post and later the U.S. delegate to the United Nations. "It was a heady experience," Hamilton recalled. "I was an 18-year-old kid, and I was in the heart of things in Washington. My interest in American politics and particularly the Kennedys began then."

"The Brothers Mann" was not, in fact, Hamilton's first book. That was something called "Royal Greenwich."

"After university, I taught secondary school for a while and opened a bookshop in Greenwich, just east of London," he said. "Regularly, customers asked for a book on Greenwich and there was none. After all, Elizabeth I was born there; the observatory is known all over the world; the Royal Naval College is there. So I decided to do it."

"My father, who quit school at 17 to become a reporter, said to me: 'Please don't become a writer. You'll never make any money.' But I did the book — with some help from my mother."

And his father. After publication was delayed, Hamilton got his friends to distribute the book door-to-door in Greenwich, to people who had paid in advance. The modest success of the Greenwich history, which was published in 1969, shrank the ranks of England's Dickensian booksellers by one. He would write them, not sell them. He had become interested in the Manns through his first wife (who was killed in an auto accident in 1973). During a vacation with her in Cornwall — "Daphne Du Maurier country" — he read Thomas Mann's semi-autobiographical novel "Buddenbrooks" and became interested in the theme of sibling rivalry. "All my books have great sibling interest," he said. "The rivalry between Jack Kennedy and his older brother, Joe, is central to that book."

His father played a big part in Nigel's next project, the Montgomery biography. In 1944, at the age of 24, he had commanded an infantry battalion under Montgomery and was decorated by him after the Battle of Arnhem.

Later, in The Times of London, he serialized Montgomery's memoirs. "My father worked for Montgomery," Hamilton said. "But when I mentioned the biography he advised against it. He said I was too close to Montgomery, that I'd have no objectivity. Later, he helped immensely."

Hamilton sees his style of biography as a combination of the old and the new. The Mann book, he said, brought out what he calls "a new tension in the biographical technique: the idea that rivalries within a family inform the achievements of individual members." Hamilton says he goes back to "the Victorian idea of quoting the subject. The Manns were so articulate. Let them speak!"

"You have to get the letters," he said, "even if you have to go all over the world to track them down. They convey the style of their author."

"You must have the documents. To understand the moral dimension of a man you have to see the documents against the witnesses. If the Kennedys have complaints, why don't they give me the documents that will set the record straight?"

PEOPLE

Fantasy Camp Caper: Zsa Zsa Loses in Court

Zsa Zsa Gabor has lost another one in court, but her lawyer, Melvin Belli, is appealing. A federal court jury in San Antonio, Texas, awarded \$200,000 to a San Antonio man, Leonard Saffir, who claimed Gabor reneged on a contract and destroyed his business. Gabor testified she never agreed to appear at a movie fantasy camp operated by Saffir and denied she broke a contract to appear in the filming of a fantasy vacation promotion in 1991 at San Antonio. Belli said the verdict "will be thrown out." Saffir had sued for \$3 million. In 1989, Gabor was found guilty of slapping a Beverly Hills police officer. She was sentenced to 72 hours in jail.

It took Jeff Torrington 30 years to write his first novel, "Swing Hammer Swing," but it won him Britain's most lucrative literary prize, the Whitbread Book of the Year prize. The former car plant worker, 57, won £20,500 (£30,750) for his wry look at life in a Glasgow slum during the 1960s.

The former nanny for Mia Farrow's children has cast her vote in the custody case between the actress and her longtime lover, Woody Allen. She testified in a pre-trial custody hearing that Allen is the better parent. Monica Thompson, who worked for Farrow for seven years until she quit Monday, said the charges by Farrow that Allen sexually molested their children "are not true."

The Marquess of Blandford, 37, heir to the £100-million Blenheim estate, was arrested and cleared on contempt charges only to be rearrested in connection with a dawn raid after he failed to comply with a court order to surrender his passport following a maintenance dispute with his estranged wife, Rebecca. He was cleared on that, but police quickly arrested him again for questioning after a photographer claimed the marquess hit him with a belt buckle.

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Crossword puzzle section with clues for Across and Down, and a solution to the puzzle from Jan. 27.

BOOKS

EINSTEIN'S DREAMS By Alan Lightman. 179 pages. \$17. Pantheon. Reviewed by Richard Eder. It is 6 A.M. at the Swiss Patent Office in Bern in the year 1906. A gray light begins to reveal the contents of the room: the desks, which appear "soft and shadowy like large sleepy animals"; the shelves containing patent applications for a better drill, a quieter typewriter and a host of other things. "It is a room full of practical ideas."

BRIDGE By Alan Truscott. ONE of the world's best-known bridge personalities changed her name Jan. 8, and thousands of her friends will have to get used to it. Kathie Wei was married in Seattle to Henry Sender, and will live in Nashville. Marriage will not, however, slow down her bridge activity. She has long been the standard-bearer of the Precision System, which was devised by her late husband, Charles Wei. One of the features of that strong-club method is an opening two-diamond bid showing opening values with shortage in diamonds. An example is the diagrammed deal played 12 years ago in a New York Regional Championship, which permitted Mrs. Sender, as South, to demonstrate the skill that has won her three world titles. Two no-trump asked North to clarify the distribution, and three diamonds showed 4-3-1-5 pattern. Five clubs was then a fair gamble, with a 5-5 fit, and West led the spade king and shifted to a heart. This was the moment of truth. The routine play was to play low from the dummy, with a chance to score three heart tricks if West held one or both of the missing honors. But that would have been quite wrong here, for South desperately needed to preserve entries to the closed hand. Instead she put up the king in dummy and led a diamond to the jack. West won with the queen and led a low trump, as good as anything. South won in dummy, drew her hand with a heart lead to the ace. She then proceeded to crossruff, and at the finish scored the last trick with the established diamond winner in her hand.

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